

TO: The Citizens of Grand County
FM: Grand County Road and Bridge
RE: 2009 Fall/Winter Newsletter

November 16, 2009

The Winter Ahead

During the upcoming winter season, we will maintain approximately 650 miles of roads with plowing and sanding operations. Grand County Road and Bridge does not use magnesium chloride or other liquid deicers. For a list of the snow plow routes, refer to our website: www.co.grand.co.us/R&B/routes.htm. This list will provide you with the order in which routes will be plowed, but not the time each road will be plowed as the times depend upon the severity of the storm.

The Fraser Valley Road and Bridge shop will continue the winter night shift again this year. We will have 3 operators providing 7 day coverage for the evenings. The hours covered by the night shift will be from 2:30pm to 11pm every night. The regular day crew in all districts will work from 6am to 2:30pm Monday through Friday. Maintenance will be provided on all routes in all districts Monday through Sunday during storm events.

We would like to remind property owners that it is illegal, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes §18-9-107 and §45-5-301, to obstruct a county road by plowing snow on or across the county right-of-way. We are well aware of the challenges of storing a full winter's snow in the front yard, but pushing it into the road only makes for a bigger challenge, as you may be held liable for any injury attributed to such a hazard.

During snow removal operations, we will make every effort not to impact property owners, however, sometimes it is necessary to leave snow berms in front of driveways in order to get the roads clear and safe for the traveling public and emergency vehicles. Grand County Road and Bridge does not have the resources to keep driveways clear. In general, half of the snow in the road belongs to the property owners on either side of the road. As always, we appreciate all the cooperation and understanding of property owners and the traveling public.

We would also like to remind everyone that Grand County Road and Bridge does not maintain, plow, or sand any of the State or US Highways that traverse our county.

Landfill Closures

The landfills will close January 1, 2010. Prior to closing a landfill, the state requires 60 days notice be given to the public. However, the county may apply for an unlimited number of extensions to the 60-day notice. The Granby Landfill may remain open after January 1, 2010, at

its current rates and hours. The Kremmling Landfill may remain open after January 1 on Saturdays only from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Both landfills will close to coincide with the opening of the new Waste Connections transfer station. For landfill operating hours and rates, please see www.co.grand.co.us/R&B/landfills.htm.

The Division of Natural Resources

Over 14 million cubic feet of woody debris from mountain pine beetle mitigation work was burned last winter. Last year's burn season was 159 days long with 113 days of good or better air quality to allow burning. DNR is expecting another busy winter of slash burning. Any slash pile larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high requires a burn permit. The permit application has changed, so please review the application carefully before submitting. The permit fee is \$50 for a season long burn permit. If your slash piles are no larger than 10'by10'by10' (maximum base not to exceed 12' diameter) you are exempt from the fee. To avoid fees, build piles this size or smaller. Due to the State of Colorado reporting requirements, DNR has been inspecting many of the slash piles before a burn permit is approved so please measure your piles and report dimensions accurately.

All slash piles should be located in open areas away from vegetation, buildings and utilities. Burning will only be allowed when weather allows for good smoke dispersal so make sure you contact DNR each and every time you would like to burn to check air quality conditions. For more information, please call (970) 887-0745 or visit our website www.co.grand.co.us/DNR.html to download the permit application.

How To Reach Us:

Grand County Road & Bridge welcomes your comments and concerns. We can be reached weekdays from 7am to 4:30pm in the Central Road & Bridge Maintenance facility at 467 East Topaz Avenue in Granby, (970) 887-2123, or see www.co.grand.co.us/R&B/MAIN.htm. Area road shops can be reached at: Fraser Valley (970) 726-5345; Granby/Grand Lake (970) 887-2123; Parshall (970) 725-3417; and Kremmling (970) 724-3320.

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